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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2002, designated as paper no. 8 in the case, please enter the following remarks in the above-identified application.

Remarks

Claims 1-24 and 36-59 are pending; claims 25 and 26 have been canceled.

In this Action, made final, the Examiner rejected claims 1-12, 28-29, 32-33, and 36-47 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Walker et al. in view of Haq et al. In response, applicant includes herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 antedating the Haq et al. reference and thus negating its effect as prior art. In view thereof, applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection of his claims 1-12, 28-29, 32-33, and 36-47 be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 13-24, 27, 30-31, 34-35, and 48-59 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Walker et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.